GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1016
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TORTURE OF STAFF MEMBER OF INDIA HIGH COMMISSION
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a staff member of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad was abducted by the Pakistani Police in Islamabad in January, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the staff member of the Indian mission was mentally and physically tortured;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether a protest has since been lodged with the Government of Pakistan in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the response of Pakistan thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)
(a)-(g) Shri P Moses, a staff member of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad was abducted by the Pakistani police authorities on 16 January 2000. While in custody, he was mentally and physically ill-treated. He was made to read a confession in front of the media, including Pak TV to the effect that he was involved in aiding and abetting terrorist activities.His so-called confession was later telecast on PTV. He was released in the early morning of 17 January 2000.

Government strongly condemned this incident. A strong protest was lodged with Pakistan about the abhorrent behaviour of the Pakistan authorities with Sh. Moses.Government also rejected the false and baseless allegations made by the Government of Pakistan against Sh. P. Moses and reminded it that such action was grossly violative of Pakistan`s international and bilateral obligations.